

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 02-06-25**

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For Work Week Commencing: June 24, 2002

Business Meeting: June 25, 2002, 9:00 a.m.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2002.6.63 – NWE – QF-1 Tariff Filing, Compliance with Order 6124. (6/25/02)
2. D2002.6.64 – NWE – BPA Residential Exchange Credit – Discuss/act on filing. (6/25/02)
3. D2002.5.55 & D2002.5.56 – Blackfoot Telephone & Clark Fork Telecommunications – Disaggregation – Discussion and action on requests for protective orders. (6/25/02)
4. D2002.3.28, D2002.3.32, D2002.3.37/VoiceStream Wireless, Premier Network Services; KMC Telecom V – Interconnection agreements with Qwest – Discuss agreements and present terms to Commission for approval. (6/25/02)



5. D2000.5.70 – Qwest 271 – Discuss and get Commission decisions on draft Public Interest Report. (6/27/02 9:00 a.m.)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. NorthWestern Energy DOCKET NO. D97.7.90 (Eric)

On June 10, 2002, NWE made its initial filing for approval of its annual Electric Qualifying Facilities Competitive Transition Charge (CTC-QF) pursuant to Order No. 5986w. In the first year the amount of QF costs to be recovered is \$14, 893,987. This amount will increase in each of the three subsequent year until the charge reaches the amount of \$25,566,513 where it will remain in the remaining years of the charge. There is a 27-year transition cost recovery period. This filing is based on an updated market since the time of the stipulation. At the end of each year there will be a true-up to deal with any over/under collection. Interest on the over/under collection will be applied at the rate of 8.46 percent.

2. NorthWestern Energy DOCKET NO. D2001.1.5 (Eric)

On June 10, 2002, NWE made a filing for approval of its Electric Sale Credit pursuant to Order 6353c. This is a one year credit of \$30,000,000 plus estimated interest. At the end of one year there will be a true-up to deal with any over/under collection. This filing is based on an updated market since the time of the stipulation. At the end of one year rates will rise by the \$30,000,000 to reflect the elimination of the credit.



3. Clark Fork Telecommunication DOCKET NO. N2002.6.62 (Scott)

On June 7, 2002, Clark Fork Filed Lifeline Tier 1 compliance filing. Pursuant to the FCC Order 01-304, the FCC dictated certain access charge reform measures for rate-of-return companies. Among the reform measure adopted by the FCC was a series of increases to the single-line Subscriber Line Charge (SLC), including an increase from \$5.00 to \$6.00, effective July 1, 2002. The FCC also adopted an off-setting series of increases to Tier 1 Lifeline support element sufficient to fully off-set the increase in the SLC. Clark Fork is proposes to revise the tariff to reflect the changes to the Tier 1 Lifeline support.

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1. Qwest Communications Docket No. N2002.6.69 (Scott)

On June 17, 2002, Qwest filed tariff transmittal 02-18. Qwest proposes to run a promotion for Advanced Digital Switched Service (DSS), Uniform Access Solution (UAS), and ISDN Primary rate Service (PRS). Customers subscribing to one of the three will have a 30 month contract option available. The DSS and UAS option will be priced at \$850 per month and ISDM PRS at \$990 per month. These bundle prices include the DS1 facility, 24 trunk connections, and with ISDN PRS it also includes the service configuration. The promotion period will begin July 15, 2002, and run through October 11, 2002.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.



**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 02-07-02**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

- N2002.6.66 Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 02-17 - Two Line CustomChoice-Complete & Two Line PopularChoice
- D2002.6.67 Qwest Corporation & Sprint Spectrum LP - Interconnection Agreement
- D2002.6.68 Qwest Corporation & Level 3 Communications LLC - Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunications Services
- N2002.6.69 Qwest - Tariff Transmittal 02-18 - DSS, UAS & ISDN PRS Promotion
- D2002.6.70 Black Hills Power & Light – Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider
- D2002.6.71 Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative - Petition for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Glendive, Montana Exchange
- D2002.6.72 Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative - Petition for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Miles City, Montana Exchange
- D2002.6.73 Mid-Rivers Telephone Cooperative - Petition for Designation as Eligible Telecommunications Carrier in the Sidney, Montana Exchange
- D2002.6.74 Qwest Corporation & NOW Communications, Inc. - Agreement for Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunication Services
- D2002.6.75 Qwest Corporation & Wireless of Montana LLC - Interconnection Agreement Adopting Qwest's Statement of Generally Accepted Terms and Conditions for Interconnection, Unbundled Network Elements, Ancillary Services, and Resale of Telecommunication Services